

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/766,267
Filing Date	January 27, 2004
First Named Inventor	Blodgett, Jr.
Art Unit	3612; Confirmation No. 3429
Examiner Name	Pedder, Dennis H.
Attorney Docket Number	18393-514

Sheet 1 of 1

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)				
	A1	US-	6,266,931	07-31-2001	Erickson et al.	
	A2	US-	5,853,215	12-29-1988	Lowery	
	A3	US-	5,833,296	11-10-1998	Schneider	
	A4	US-	5,758,918	06-02-1998	Schneider et al.	
	A5	US-	5,577,578	11-26-1996	Lazorchak	
	A6	US-	5,491,933	02-20-1996	Miller et al.	
	A7	US-	5,333,420	08-02-1994	Eden	
	A8	US-	5,332,276	07-26-1994	Blodgett, Jr.	
	A9	US-	5,237,782	08-24-1993	Cooper	
	A10	US-	5,154,469	10-13-1992	Morrow	
	A11	US-	5,127,697	07-07-1992	St. Marie	
	A12	US-	5,121,018	06-09-1992	Oldakowski	
	A13	US-	5,092,650	03-03-1992	Perlot	
	A14	US-	4,955,661	09-11-1990	Mattice	
	A15	US-	4,500,132	02-19-1985	Yoder	
	A16	US-	4,480,866	11-06-1984	Komatsu	
	A17	US-	4,253,283	03-03-1981	May	
	A18	US-	4,133,571	01-09-1979	Fillios	
	A19	US-	3,137,041	06-16-1964	Mullen	
	A20	US-	2,842,972	07-15-1958	Houdart	
	A21	US-	1,521,635	01-06-1925	Lewis	

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	1*
		Country Code <sup>2</sup>	Number <sup>3</sup> Kind Code <sup>4</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY			
	B1						
	B2						
	B3						
	B4						
	B5						

Examiner  
SignatureDate  
Considered

\*EXAMINER Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST 3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.